

From the Editor

THIS month's issue of *Soldiers* showcases one of the Army's most interesting occupations, and one of its most exotic assignments.

Join Steve Harding aboard the utility landing craft *Perryville* as he takes an inside look at how the U.S. Army Transportation School turns soldiers into mariners.

In "Serving in the Land of the Rising Sun," Heike Hasenauer chronicles the mission and role of soldiers assigned to U.S. Army, Japan. Her Japanese saga continues with "Aviators in Asia," in which she profiles the 78th Aviation Battalion, and "Comrades in Kure," in which she explores the mission of the 83rd Ordnance Bn.

Love it or hate it, few topics have received as much attention as the Army's new advertising campaign. In "What's Up With 'An Army of One'?", Heike takes a look at how the campaign's measuring up to expectations.

Finally, we wish the Army Reserve a happy 93rd birthday as LTC Randy Pullen provides a history of the Army's youngest component.

John C. Suttle

Freedom's Flag

THE "Freedom's Flag" article in the June issue mentioned 1LT Martin Allain, my grandmother's uncle. I showed her the article about her uncle and she remembered being told the same story when she was younger. She asked if I could acquire more copies of the magazine to give to her sister and other relatives.

SPC Daniel S. Inman
via e-mail

Elusive URL

I WAS unable to access *Soldiers Online* through your posted URL, [HTTP://WWW.DTIC.MIL/SOLDIERS](http://www.dtic.mil/soldiers). What I get is "File not found." Is this a problem on my end or is there a server problem at your location?

Patrick I. Quinn
via e-mail

TRY the same URL, but in lower case: www.dtic.mil/soldiers.

About Hot Topics

THE lack of reference to Dr. (MAJ) Karen K. O'Brien and the rest of the Martin Army Community physicians and residents who worked on the ranger and the supplement *Hot Topics* projects is somewhat disconcerting.

Dr. O'Brien contributed substantially to the *Hot Topics* article that appeared in the November issue of *Soldiers*. Authorship is a very important issue to physicians and journalists alike, so I hope you can see the gravity of the concern.

COL Karl R. Kerchief
via e-mail

OUR collective apologies for not giving MAJ Karen O'Brien proper credit for her contribution to the November issue of

February Comments

THANKS a million! We at Army Materiel Command's Combat Equipment Group-Europe were thrilled to see ourselves and our mission in the February issue. I can attest to Heike Hasenauer's hard work and long hours to deliver a superb report. Please pass along our thanks.

A couple of small slips crept into the text, which I'm passing along just to set the record straight. First, SFC Ron Lewis called me to say that his wife, Nikki, is a British subject, not a German national. And on page 39 Eygelshoven was referred to as "home to Headquarters, Combat Equipment Group-North." In fact, we are Army Materiel Command Headquarters Combat Equipment Group-Europe (substitute "Europe" for "North").

Believe me, we value the coverage enormously. Thanks again for your time.

Chuck Fick,
CEG-E Public Affairs Officer
via e-mail

SINCE safety is always paramount to anything that we do, I question why the sling-load photo on page 5 was used in the February issue. The load was not ready to fly and the soldiers were in great danger. The Humvee was missing the tape "X" configuration on both sides of the windshield, the mirrors were not secured, and glass or plastic markers and lights were not covered with tape. Also, the hook-up soldier has the sling between his legs — if the UH-60 had caught an updraft after the sling was secured, that soldier would have had a really bad day! Whoever was in charge of that sling load needs to go back to air assault school for retraining. Hopefully no soldiers were injured.

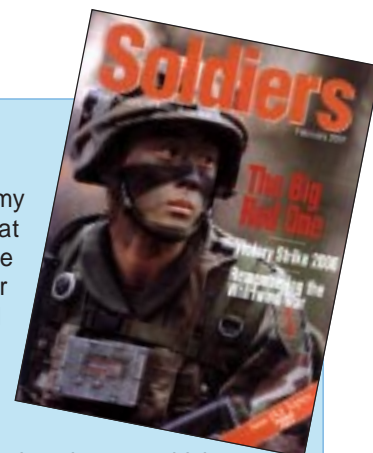
Ssg Michael C. McLanahan
via e-mail

Hot Topics. She was very helpful in providing vignettes that were based on actual cases of soldiers whose Army careers ended because they used dietary supplements. Thanks for the correction. It was an unintentional oversight. Please forward our apologies to MAJ O'Brien, as well as our belated thanks for her help.

THERE is a small error in your instructions on linking to *Hot*

Topics from *Soldiers Online*. After going to the Army Homepage, www.army.mil, you must click on Publications (NOT Public Affairs), then click on *Soldiers Online*, then *Hot Topics*. That was in the Fall 2000 issue, which, I'm happy to say, we are printing more copies of for use here in Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg.

Clara R. Dominguez
via e-mail



WHILE you can access **Hot Topics** that way, we encourage readers to use the "Related Sites" route to go through the Army Public Affairs home page, then click on **Soldiers Online** to reach **Hot Topics**.

The Soldiers Almanac

THANK you for the rather comprehensive issue of **The Soldiers Almanac**. It is good to see in print the many aspects of the Army other than just my corner of the world.

I would like to point out what, to me, is a glaring error. In the organizational pullout, the 84th Division is listed as an exercise division when, in fact, it is an institutional training division.

LTC Richard J. Nagl
Milwaukee, Wis.

AS the Army Programs Officer in the Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, I am

requesting 50 extra copies of **The Soldiers Almanac**. I intend to distribute them to my contacts in the Taiwan army.

AIT is the de facto U.S. embassy here and, in the absence of formal diplomatic relations, performs certain diplomatic functions for the United States. I am in the section responsible for promoting military cooperation between the two countries.

Soldiers is very popular among my Taiwan counterparts. We receive several copies each month, which we send to many of my counterparts here. The almanac is particularly popular. Last year you graciously sent me 50 copies and I had no problems finding homes for all of them.

LTC Bob Van Horn (Ret.)
via e-mail

LAST year you were kind enough to forward about 50

copies of **The Soldiers Almanac** to the Chaplain School for use in our training. Could you be so kind as to send us 50 copies of the 2001 issue? I've received my personal issue, and I feel it gets better each year.

Nella Hobson
U.S. Army Chaplain Center
& School
Fort Jackson, S.C.

YOUR and others' requested extra or replacement copies of **The Soldiers Almanac** have been mailed or shipped.

I REALLY enjoyed **The Soldiers Almanac**. I noticed that the ACES website address, on page 15, needs to be updated. Army Education Online is now at **www.ArmyEducation**.

Army.mil. However, the address listed will forward the viewer to the site.


Christine J. Queen
via e-mail

I JUST wanted to inform you that our 100 copies of **The Soldiers Almanac** arrived. They've already been distributed to all five of our USO centers and they are a very hot commodity. Soldiers really appreciate this great magazine. We will give you spot reports on how they are received and refine the number required based on experience.

Thank you and **Soldiers** magazine for helping USO Kaiserslautern/Baumholder provide quality services.

LTC Walter D. Murren (Ret.)
via e-mail

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